

County Candidates Began Big Drive In Easley Last Saturday

The first campaign meeting for Pickens county candidates this year was held in the city hall at Easley Saturday afternoon and the hall was filled with an interested audience. The meeting was scheduled to begin at 2 o'clock, but it was three when the battle opened.

E. P. McCravy presided and he asked Rev. D. W. Hiott to open the meeting with prayer. It was then announced that the people of Flat Rock had invited the candidates to hold a meeting there Monday morning and the invitation was accepted.

The meeting was exceptionally good for the first one and indications are that there are going to be some lively times before the campaign closes. Candidates for the legislature seem to be unanimous in their opposition to the state tax commission. The order was perfect except when the rain made it necessary for many in the audience to leave to look after their conveyances on the outside.

The candidates for supervisor were first introduced and spoke in the following order: E. F. Looper, J. T. McKinney and W. E. Stephens. Mr. Looper said he had served eight years in all as supervisor of Pickens county and had experience. Would make every dollar count for the county. Mr. McKinney said he had never offered for office before, but was competent to fill it and would appreciate the people's support. Mr. Stephens said if elected he would give his full time to office and he could do the work. The each candidate was allowed ten minutes neither of them took more than a minute.

The senatorial candidates were next speakers and allowed ten minutes each: Frank E. Alexander said this is second time in his life he had ever offered for public office. Considers senate most important office in county. Something wrong with state tax commission and he is opposed to it. Taxes are unequal. Born and raised in Peters creek section of Pickens county and that would always be home to him. If the people would elect him would appreciate it and never betray their trust. Mr. Alexander spoke only seven minutes.

J. H. Earle was next speaker and reviewed his platform as published in the county papers recently. Favors abolishment of state penitentiary. Wants state to make good deposits of depositors in failing banks. Believes that convicted thief should be worked by state long enough to reimburse owner for stolen goods. Favors repealing hunters' license law. Opposes compulsory education. Favors making supervisor's term of office two years and salary \$1,500. Believes people should vote on all bonded indebtedness. Favors pensions for old soldiers. Mr. Earle is a vigorous speaker and consumed his ten minutes.

J. A. Hinton said he represented this county in legislature four years and is proud of his record. Says too much taxes. Says low country people want to oppress up-country people. Gave Pickens county land values as fixed by the county board of equalization and also as fixed by the state board of taxation. Is opposed to state tax commission and says that Pickens county will collect \$60,000 more tax money this year than is needed. He had many figures of interest to the people and couldn't finish in his allotted time.

Candidates for the House of Representatives were next on the menu and they also were allotted ten minutes.

W. E. Finley, now a member of the house from this county, says war is greatest issue before the people today and all other issues the important are minor. Said he had no prepared speech and no hot air. Defended the road bond issue as a democratic act. He had served the people as best he knew how. Genuinely thankful for past support and will appreciate a continuance of it.

J. S. Leopold said the great issues before the people are schools, roads and taxes and the war is not an issue in county politics. Charged Manning administration with being most extravagant since 1876. Favors biennial sessions of legislature. Opposed to state tax commission. Says if three good men of Pickens county can't equalize taxes in their own county no "three dukes" in Columbia can do it. Wants every county officer to pay premium on own bond instead of county paying it. Favors all schools teaching thru tenth grade. Favors pensions for all old soldiers. He made a rip-roaring and Leopard-like speech and the crowd enjoyed it.

W. C. Mann says he is the smallest and the only Mann in the race. War is an issue. The Kaiser belongs to the devil and our boys will send him home.

A rain and thunder storm came up at this time and Mr. Mann spoke under difficulties. Says we have too many officers. Opposed to state tax commission, game warden and state highway commission. Believes thieves should reimburse owners of stolen property and then serve sentence as punishment. Favors schools teaching agriculture and domestic science.

The storm grew worse and rain on the tin roof of the hall made it impossible for us to understand all Judge M. Welborn said during his speech. Said he was born and raised in this county and is plain, common-sense man. His platform is honesty, economy, low taxes and equal rights to all. Entered race at last minute at solicitation of friends. Said the issuing of \$250,000 road bonds by the last legislature was an undemocratic act and the people should have the right to vote on all bonded indebtedness. Saw no use for rural police in this county.

Candidates for county commissioner next spoke briefly in the following order: R. H. Barkley, W. T. Bates, Joe A. Findley, Oscar S. Galloway, Jas. A. Hendricks, N. B. Moore, J. F. Lesley. G. Wash Bowen, candidate for probate judge, said he had been working for county long time in office with small pay and now he would like to have an office that would pay a living.

Judge Newberry was unable to be present on account of a member of his family being sick. He sent word that he was very grateful to the people for their goodness to him in the past and he would appreciate one more term.

W. T. Beasley was first candidate for coroner to speak and he thanked the people for the very handsome vote which he expected to receive Aug. 27. N. A. Holder said if the people loved him like he loved them he would be elected.

S. E. Mauldin said he promised not to bury anybody alive. R. C. Welborn would appreciate the office and would do his best to make good officer.

Congressman Dominick Here Last Week

Congressman Fred H. Dominick was the only candidate who made an address at the congressional campaign meeting at Pickens last Wednesday, August 7, and on account of the fact that it was not generally known that the meeting was to have been held that day not many were present. However, Mr. Dominick was in good trim and made a good speech. Said he was at Walthalla the day before and Mr. Aiken failed to appear there. He intends to attend the meetings as arranged whether his opponent does or not. Briefly reviewed his record in congress and told of one instance where he was instrumental in killing a section of a bill thereby saving the taxpayers of this state alone \$500,000. Had done more during the eighteen months he has been in congress than Mr. Aiken had done during his fourteen years there. Said that G. P. Hill of Newberry had circulated an article against him (Dominick) which was mostly false and proceeded to prove it. Is 100 per cent American and since war had been declared had supported all bills favorable to its successful prosecution.

Chairman Christopher called Mr. Aiken for a speech, but he was not present. It was afterwards learned that he spoke at Newberry with the senatorial candidates and says he will continue with them as long as they are in this district.

Pickens and W. S. S.

The Sentinel has received the following statement from James P. Carey, Jr.:

"The Pickens Bank and Postmaster Jennings have just informed me that the bank and postoffice sold in cash War Saving Stamps during the recent drive \$18,072, which was not accounted for in the estimate which I gave you last week. Please add this to the amount I give you for Pickens township and make the correction."

The \$18,072 worth of stamps sold by the bank and postoffice added to \$15,595 originally reported makes a total of \$33,667 for Pickens township and gives it second place among the townships of the county, Central being first.

Prof. J. B. Vaughan, famous throat the south as a composer of songs and a publisher of song books, died July 28 at his home in Athens, Ga., after a brief illness.

3563 Voters Registered in Pickens Co.

According to club rolls there are 3,563 voters registered in Pickens county this year and eligible to vote in the approaching primary elections. There is 648 short of the 1916 registration, and 188 short of the actual vote two years ago. The registration in 1914 was 3,945 in Pickens county. The falling off in registration is due mainly to the fact that so many of the young men are in the army and navy.

Following table will prove of interest. It gives the registration of 1916 and 1918 and official vote of 1916, by precincts:

Precinct	1918 Enrollm't	1916 Enrollm't	1916 Vote
Antioch	65	57	52
Alice Mill	56	76	69
Calhoun	76	134	113
Central	237	240	202
Cateechee	103	125	118
Cross Plains	72	92	79
Crosswell	48	63	60
Dacusville	66	81	72
Easley	482	527	480
Easley Mill No. 1	115	141	129
Easley Mill No. 2	56	56	50
Flat Rock	97	86	83
Glenwood	102	173	154
Holly Springs	61	61	52
Isaqueena Mill	124	130	103
Julian's Store	61	57	50
Liberty	291	410	350
Looper's Gin	56	71	66
Kings	46	—	—
Mill Creek	76	101	90
Norris	75	96	91
Pickens	567	683	636
Pickens Mill	55	86	81
Pleasant Grove	51	55	41
Peters Creek	38	66	54
Pumpkintown	109	127	109
Praters	93	93	87
Shady Grove	48	53	49
Six Mile	237	266	236
	3563	4211	3751

Farmers' Notice

All parties having money deposited at banks for soda will call some time during this week and have their account balanced. We want to wind up all accounts at once. Please attend to this promptly.

T. A. BOWEN,
County Agent.

(Advertisement.)

Christie Benet UNITED STATES SENATOR Democratic Candidate for Short Term



Sworn In As Senator July 8, 1918

Has had two private conferences with Pres. Woodrow Wilson since that time.

Hon. Newton D. Baker, Secretary of War, wrote him on July 14, in part: "I do not see how Governor Manning could have done a finer thing, and I have so written him. My own satisfaction and happiness are perhaps greater than your own. The Senate is a great body, filled with men of distinction and long public service, and your appointment is not only a proper recognition of your spirit but a worthy addition to its numbers."

South Carolina needs a man in the Senate at this time who stands close to the President, Commander-in-Chief of the Army and Navy, and Mr. Baker, Secy. of War.

Already in the Senate—Keep him there for the short term.

Hear Him Speak at Pickens on Friday, August 16th.

"Benet for the Senate"

Senatorial Campaign Meeting August 16

The senatorial campaign meeting for Pickens county will be held at Pickens courthouse next Friday, August 16, beginning about 11 o'clock. These meetings have become very interesting since the candidates hit the Piedmont section of the state and large crowds are attending. Candidates for the unexpired term of Senator Tamm are Senator Benet of Columbia, W. P. Pollock of Cheraw and Attorney-General Peebles. Candidates for the long term are Cole L. Blease of Columbia, N. B. Dial of Laurens, and James F. Rice of Anderson.

Blease to Speak at Pickens

Cole L. Blease, candidate for United States senator, will speak at Pickens courthouse on August 22 at 11 o'clock and at Easley the same date at 8:30. Everybody invited to hear him and if there are any further developments they will be published.

Threshed Oats With Ford Automobile

We have heard of fellows sowing wild oats with a Ford automobile, but last week was the first time we ever heard of one being used in threshing oats. Grant Brothers, well-known threshermen of Pickens county, successfully used a Ford as motive power for their thresher and threshed 160 bushels of oats for Judge M. Welborn in about two hours. They simply jacked up the rear end of Col. John Henry, connected it with the thresher and commenced, and everything worked fine.

Wm. Anderson of Easley Dead

Mr. William Anderson, chief mechanic at the Easley Cotton Mill, died Sunday night after being in declining health several months. He is survived by his widow and the following children: Lieut. James Anderson, U. S. A.; Waddy Anderson, who is with the army in France; William Anderson of Hartwell, Ga., and Mrs. R. L. Holroyd of Easley.

Australian Ballot Be Used This Year

The Australian ballot system which was recently made law in South Carolina will be in force in the approaching primary elections. As it applies only to incorporated towns and cities the only precincts in Pickens county affected by it are Easley, Pickens, Liberty, Central, Calhoun, Norris, Isaqueena Mill, Alice Mill, Glenwood Mill, Easley Mill No. 1, Easley Mill No. 2 and Six Mile. Elections at other precincts will be held as heretofore.

In order that The Sentinel readers may thoroughly understand the new law it is published in full below:

Section 1. In every primary election in this state there shall be provided at each polling precinct one booth for every 100 enrolled voters, or majority fraction thereof. The booths shall be made of wood, cheap metal, or any other suitable substance, shall not be less than 32 inches wide and 32 inches deep, and 6 feet 6 inches high, shall be provided with a curtain hanging from the top in front to within 3 feet of the floor, and shall have a suitable shelf on which the voter can prepare his ticket. Provided, The provisions of this Act shall not apply to rural voting precincts outside of incorporated towns and cities.

Section 2. The polling places shall be provided with a table for the managers. The polls shall be provided with a guard rail, so that no shall approach nearer than 5 feet of the booths in which the voters are preparing their ballots.

Section 3. The tickets shall be printed on clear white paper in the usual manner, but shall have a coupon at the top perforated so as to be easily detached. On the coupon shall be printed "Official Ballot." "Club _____ Ward _____ No. _____". The numbers shall run serially for each club. There shall be 50 per cent. more ballots than there are voters enrolled at each voting place.

Section 4. The managers shall be responsible for all ballots furnished. When a voter presents himself he shall be given a ballot. The manager in charge of the poll lists shall enter the number of the ballot next the name of the voter. The voter shall forthwith retire alone to one of the booths, and without undue delay prepare his ballot by scratching out the name of the candidate for whom he does not care to vote. No voter shall remain in the booth longer than 5 minutes. After preparing his ballot, the voter shall present himself to the manager. His ballot must be folded in such a way that the number can be seen and the coupon can be readily detached by the manager without in any way revealing the printed portion of the ballot. If the voter is not challenged, and takes the prescribed oath, the manager shall tear off the coupon, put it on file, stamp the ballot, and the voter shall deposit his ticket in the box, and shall immediately leave the polling place. If a voter shall mar or deface his ballot, he may obtain one additional ballot upon returning to the manager in charge of the ballots the ballot so marred or defaced, with the coupon attached. The manager in charge of the poll list shall change the number of the ballot on his poll list, and place the defaced ballot on file. No voter shall be given a second ballot until he has returned the first one with coupon attached.

Section 5. No person shall be allowed within the guard rail except as hereinafter provided. If a voter cannot read or write, or is physically disabled, and by reason thereof did not sign the enrollment book, he may appeal to the managers for assistance, and the chairman of the managers shall appoint two watchers, representing different factions to assist him in preparing the ballot. Provided, After the voter's ballot has been prepared, the watchers so appointed shall immediately go behind the guard rail. Provided further, That if there be no such watchers available the chairman may appoint two bystanders who are qualified electors to assist the voter in the preparation of his ballot.

Section 6. From the time of the opening of the polls until the announcement of the result and the signing of the official returns, no person shall be admitted to the polling place except the managers, duly authorized watchers and challengers, the chairman of the executive committee or member of the executive committee appointed in his stead to supervise this polling place, persons duly admitted for the purpose of voting, police officers admitted by the managers to preserve order or enforce the law. Provided, however, That candidates for public office voted for at such polling place may be present at the canvass of the votes. Provided, Canvass of the votes shall be open to the public.

Section 7. If the watchers or officers of the law who are admitted to the polling place by the managers obstruct the voting, it shall be the duty of the managers to suspend the election until order is restored, or, as may be provided by the rules of the party. No person shall be al-

Another Pickens Co. Boy Killed in France

Luther Franklin Field, a Pickens county boy, was killed July 20 while fighting in France, according to official notice received Wednesday of last week by his mother, Mrs. Charity Masters, wife of S. S. Masters, who lives near Easley. He was a member of a machine gun company and had been in the regular army about three years, enlisting at Columbus, Ga. He has two other brothers in the army, one being in France and one in California.

Mr. Field was born in Pickens county 28 years ago and about four years ago lived at the Pickens Mill. He is survived by his mother and nine brothers and sisters. He was a son of the late Abner Field.

Much sympathy goes out to his grief-stricken mother, but no doubt she is comforted to know that her son died a hero's death while fighting for his country, than which there is no nobler way to die.

Easley Boy Missing in France

The parents of James Gardo of the Alice Mill have received official notice that he is missing from his company in France. It is supposed he was taken prisoner by the Germans.

Central Items

The union meeting here under the big tent between the Presbyterian and Baptist churches, began last Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. Owing to the fact that the evangelist, Rev. Thioff, couldn't be present on account of previous engagement, D. J. Fant, the engineer-preacher, well known up and down the Southern line, preached an excellent sermon to a large crowd. Rev. Thioff was present for the Sunday night service and preached a stirring sermon. The indications are now that we will have an excellent meeting. Everybody in the country surrounding Central is urged to attend these meetings. Services are held at 10:30 a. m. and 8:30 p. m.

J. N. Morgan left last Saturday morning for Detroit, Mich., where he expects to spend several days during his vacation.

D. W. Ramseur, Aubrey Ramseur, Mr. Hughes and Mr. Fulkerson of Greensboro, N. C., spent the week-end with Postmaster C. G. Rowland. The Ramseurs are relatives of Mrs. Rowland.

Mack Morgan of Durham, N. C., visited friends and relatives here last week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Gassaway and daughter, Miss Bettie, left last week for Brevard, N. C., where they will spend several days in this highland section of Western North Carolina.

Miss Mary Morgan of Atlanta, who has been spending some time at Blue Ridge, N. C., on her way home stopped here the week-end to visit her brother, F. B. Morgan.

Couch-Stegall Reunion

The annual Couch-Stegall reunion was held at Rock Springs near Easley last Saturday. There were about 250 members of these two families present and all thoroughly enjoyed the occasion. E. P. McCravy and others made addresses, there was a big dinner and the balance of the day was spent in social conversation.

lowed to approach polling places within 25 feet while polls are open, other than the persons herein provided for.

Section 8. Upon the close of the election, managers shall account to the executive committee for all ballots delivered to them, and make the following return: (a) The number of official ballots furnished to each polling precinct. (b) The number of official ballots spoiled and returned by voters. (c) The number of official ballots actually voted.

Section 9. That all Acts and parts of Acts in conflict with the provisions of this Act, are hereby repealed, except an act to regulate the holding of all primary elections and the organization of clubs in cities containing 40,000 inhabitants or more, approved 16th day of February, 1915, which said Act shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 10. The State executive committee provided for under the laws regulating primary elections in this State be, and they are hereby, authorized and empowered to make such regulations as may be necessary to provide for the enrollment and voting of citizens of this State holding positions under the government of the United States, or any branch thereof and residing temporarily out of the State, but within the United States.